

# WIDOW QUIETLY PLEADS 'NOT GUILTY' 'PIG WOMAN' MUTTERS OF MILLIONS

**Mrs. Hall Near Collapse When Ordeal Ends**

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SOMERVILLE, N. J., Sept. 17.—Recalling Mrs. Minna Clark and sending for three other witnesses, the prosecution in the Hall-Mills murder case continued its investigation at state troop headquarters here today.

It was also learned on definite authority that the June grand jury, before whom Senator Simpson had hoped to bring perjury charges against Ralph Gorsline and others, on Monday has been disbanded.

If the prosecutor persists in seeking an indictment against Gorsline, he must appeal to the incoming jury, whose members will be chosen Tuesday.

**\$40,000 Bails Mrs. Hall**

Pleading not guilty to two indictments of murder, Mrs. Hall, her brothers, Willie and Henry, and Henry Carpender, her cousin, appeared before Supreme Court Justice Charles W. Parker and County Judge Frank L. Cleary at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

The bail of Mrs. Hall was raised from \$15,000 to \$40,000, or \$20,000 in each of two charges in the indictment against her.

Willie and Henry Stevens and Henry Carpender, after entering their pleas, were remanded to jail to await trial.

After the court session Mrs. Hall was closeted in the visitors' room of the county jail with her co-defendants and counsel until after 9 o'clock in the evening.

Leaving, she climbed into a closed car and was driven back to her mansion in New Brunswick.

At 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon Mrs. Hall, with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Paul Bonner, and her lawyers, Senator Clarence Case and Timothy N. Pfeiffer, left the Hall home.

**Willie Weeps**

The meeting between Mrs. Hall and Willie was affecting. Stretching his arms through cell bars, Willie embraced his sister and wept like a little child.

As the accused quartet filed into the courtroom through an underground passageway from the jail, Mrs. Jane Gibson, recognized by only a few, entered and chose a seat next to this writer.

**"Millions, Millions, Millions"**

Scanning the features of Mrs. Hall, who sat only a few feet distant, the "pig woman" muttered to herself:

"They have millions to fight with millions, millions—and money is powerful."

Then her gaze fell upon a reporter she knew. Nudging Police "Those pests—if you've anything Lieut. Peter Devine, she remarked: they want, they'll hound you to death!"

During the entire hearing the "pig woman" kept up a running fire of talk. She discussed with Lieut. Devine the road system near the scene where Dr. Hall and Mrs. Mills were slain.

But never did she take her gaze off Mrs. Hall. Once the elderly defendant, apparently sensing her accuser's steady stare, turned in her chair.

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The courtroom was crowded and

**Hall Kin at Bar of Justice**



"NOT GUILTY!" was the answer of Mrs. Frances Stevens Hall, her two brothers and Henry Carpender, a cousin, to charges that they slew the Rev. Hall and Mrs. Mills four years ago. Above you see (left to right) Henry Stevens, Willie Stevens, Mrs. Hall and Henry Carpender as they were arraigned.

## Seven to Be Arrested In Evangel Kidnapping

LOS ANGELES, CAL., Sept. 18.—The formal warrants for the arrest of Mrs. Aimee Semple McPherson, evangelist of Angelus Temple, and six persons involved in her "kidnapping," have been issued.

The complaints charge intent to carry out a criminal conspiracy in connection with the disappearance of Mrs. McPherson on May 18, when she was reported missing near the Santa Monica seashore.

Mrs. McPherson was also charged with intent to falsely "procure another to be charged with the crime of kidnapping, well knowing at the time that she had not been kidnapped, pretended that she had been and that she had been kept in an unconscious condition for thirty days."

It is alleged that, during her absence, she remained for a time in a cottage at Carmel, Cal., 200 miles north of here, with K. G. Ormiston and with the full knowledge and consent of her mother, also indicted.

### DE FORD WANTS TO QUIT TRANSPORTATION BOARD

Mayor Walker has received the resignation of William A. De Ford, one of the three members of the Board of Transportation, according to a report at the City Hall.

Mr. De Ford was appointed a member of the board at the time of its creation, July 1, 1923, by former Mayor John F. Hylan.

### Halls Welcome Chance to Prove Their Innocence

After leaving the jail, where she conferred with the Stevens brothers and Carpender, this statement was given to reporters by a member of Mrs. Hall's party:

"We have been indicted for murder and have formally pleaded not guilty. We desire, through the courtesy of the press, to thank our friends and well-wishers for their kind and sympathetic expressions of confidence in our integrity."

"Confirming our formal plea in its fullest meaning, we re-assert our entire innocence of the crimes charged against us. None of us had anything to do with the commission of the crimes, directly or indirectly. We welcome the opportunity that has been presented through the action of the grand jury to have all lawful evidence on both sides put before a court and jury. We look forward to a trial in open court as the surest means of vindicating our innocence. In the meantime we shall be grateful if those who have believed in us will continue their faith and if those who are in doubt will at least suspend judgment until the full truth is told."

"HENRY H. STEVENS,  
"WILLIAM C. STEVENS,  
"HENRY B. CARPENDER,  
"FRANCES N. HALL."

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## Daugherty Mystery Aid, His Secret Journeys, Linked in Graft Trial

How Jesse Smith, confidential friend of Harry Daugherty while the latter was attorney general, never held an official position, but traveled about the country at the expense of the United States government, was described by witnesses from the Department of Justice yesterday as United States Attorney Emory Buckner sought to drive another spike into the defense of Daugherty and Col. Thomas W. Miller in the conspiracy trial before Federal Judge Mack.

But the government's attempt to cast reflections upon Daugherty's relations with the late Jesse Smith was not altogether successful, due to the resourcefulness of Max D. Steuer, counsel for the accused.

When Mr. Buckner had revealed through his witnesses that Jesse Smith, who was understood to be performing confidential services for the attorney general, made Uncle Sam pay his bills, Mr. Steuer found his return fire in Mr. Buckner's own trial documents.

**Investigation Asked**

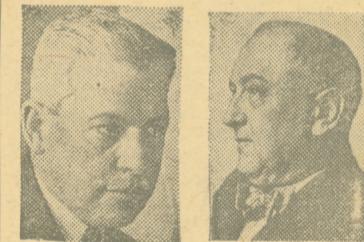
Mr. Steuer produced a letter written by Daugherty to John B. Harris of the Department of Justice, the witness then on the stand, dated April 17, 1922, in which the attorney general requested that the expense accounts of Jesse Smith be fully investigated.

Daugherty, according to the letter, did not want any ground left for later investigation, and if there were any unexplained items on Smith's bills he would send his own check to cover them.

Jesse Smith did many thousands of dollars worth of work for the government without any return, the letter said, all his reports being made to Daugherty. And Daugh-



**Rene Fonck**



**Emory Buckner H. M. Daugherty**  
erty himself, the letter continued, never put in an expense account, paying all his bills out of his own pocket.

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Steuer tried to show by cross-examining Harris that there was nothing unusual about an attorney general having a confidential agent not on the government payroll.

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## State Belittles Evidence Helpful to Sacco, Vanzetti

DEDHAM, MASS., Sept. 18.—Judge Thayer has intimated that he will take plenty of time to decide the appeal of Nicola Sacco and Bartholomeo Vanzetti, convicted five years ago of the murder of a shoe factory paymaster and guard during a \$15,000 payroll robbery.

The motion in the proceedings just closed was based on a confession by Celestine Madeiros, now under death sentence for the murder of a Wrentham bank cashier, that he and members of the Joe Morelli gang of Providence were responsible for the murders.

Assistant District Attorney Ramsey said: "This man is a confessed and convicted murderer, and your honor should be on guard. What would the pains and penalties of perjury mean to a man who is facing the chair?"



**B. Vanzetti**



**Nicola Sacco**

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